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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 42, 83, and 121. Please cancel claims 27, 68, 109, and 147 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of this application.

## Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for allowing a user to use user equipment to place electronic wagers on races with an interactive wagering application, comprising:

using the interactive wagering application to provide the user with an opportunity to create a wager of a particular wager type for a particular race;

providing access to multiple wagering pools that are independent of each other, wherein each wagering pool is capable of accepting the wager of the particular wager type for the particular race; and

using the interactive wagering application to place the wager with one of the multiple wagering pools, wherein the interactive wagering application automatically applies wagering pool selection criteria that are based on pool values associated with each of the multiple wagering pools to determine which one of the multiple wagering pools the wager is to be placed.